Report of the 'Central Empowered Committee'

†114. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a condition to this effect is inserted in every agreement between S.E.C.L. and M/s. Aryan Coal Benefication Ltd. that M/s. Aryan Coal Benefication Ltd. would not sell, 'reject' or 'washed coal' in any circumstances;

(b) whether the Central Empowered Committee in its report have accused that M/s. Aryan Coal Benefication Ltd. sells coal in the name of 'reject';

(c) if so, the action taken against the concerned officials, of S.E.C.L.; and

(d) the time upto which this kind of sale in the name of'reject' would be continued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Death of coal miners

115. SHRIMOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the death of fifty four coal miners in an accident in Bhatdih mine in Jharkhand whether the managements of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. who are responsible for a gross violation of safety rules have been punished;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) ACourt of Enquiry has been cosntituted by the Government of India, Ministry of Labour & Employment, *vide* notification No. S.0.1756(E) dated 12-10-06 to inquire into the causes and circumstances of the accident occurred in Bhatdih Mine of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.